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14 January 1954

Dear Mr. Owen:

I wish to confirm our conversation and my request for your continued cooperation and assistance in the period just ahead of us. With your current appointment coming to an end within the next few weeks, I am asking your agreement to extend it, under the same conditions, as at present, until 31 December 1954.

The main tasks of the reorganisation of the Secretariat are still to be accomplished, and your aid and advice during the ensuing months will greatly contribute to the success of this work.

May I record my deep appreciation of the constructive and devoted service you have already brought to the work of the organisation, and of the loyal assistance you have given me, as Secretary-General. It is in this spirit that I am again calling on you, and I look forward to an early reply telling of your willingness to go forward with us in the months to come.

Yours sincerely,

Dag Hammarskjöld
Secretary-General

Mr. David Owen
Technical Assistance Board

16 January 1954

Dear Mr. Hammarshjöld:

A few minutes before the departure of this ship yesterday, I received your letter of 14 January inviting me to retain my present position in the Secretariat until 31 December 1954.

I could not have wished for a better farewell message nor a more unexpected and pleasant invitation. Kindly accept my true appreciation of your courteous action.

The months I have worked with you have proved stimulating, both intellectually and from the standpoint of service to the United Nations. I am sure the coming ones will add to the pleasure of assisting you in the heavy task you have assumed. You can be sure of my full devotion to the cause and of my complete loyalty to you.

It is my sincere hope that I may continue to deserve the high commendation of my services you so kindly express in your letter.

While I cannot do so in an official typewritten reply, it is with real appreciation that I accept your call to carry on as a member of your official family for the rest of the year 1954.

Very sincerely yours,

The Hon. Dag Hammarshjöld,
Secretary General of the United Nations,
New York, N. Y.


D. Owen

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